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SUBJECT: GVN/THAILAND TALKS ON FISHING DISPUTE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN RECENT THAILAND/GVN TALKS ON THEIR FISHING DISPUTE THAI SIDE MADE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY GVN. END SUMMARY.

2. THAI DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER HELD TALKS JUNE 24 AND 26 ON THAI/GVN FISHING DISPUTE WITH GVN DELEGATION LED BY NGUYEN HOAN, ASSISTANT TO FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THAI DELEGATION RETURNED TO BANGKOK JUNE 27.

3. FROM DISCUSSIONS EMBOFFS HAVE HAD WITH THAI AMBASSADOR (SUBAN SAWETAMAL) AND WITH THAI DESK OFFICER IN MFA (PHAM QUANG LAN) IT APPEARS THAI SIDE MADE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN FISHING MATTERS
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INVOLVING EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS, JOINT FISHING VENTURES, AND JOINT

ACTION TO CONTROL PIRACY AND SMUGGLING. THAI AMBASSADOR SAID MODEL THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WAS JOINT COMMISSION BETWEEN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA ON FISHING MATTERS. GVN SIDE AGREED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. DESK OFFICER EMPHASIZED IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THAIS BEFOREHAND THAT TALKS WOULD ONLY BE EXPLORATORY. HE TERMED DISCUSSIONS FRIENDLY AND OPEN, AND SAID THAI DELEGATION HAD AGREED TO ADVISE THAI FISHERMEN NOT TO FISH IN GVN EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE.

(COMMENT: IN COURSE DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF LAN GAVE IMPRESSION ANY SOLUTION TO DISPUTE MUST BE PREDICATED ON ACCEPTANCE OF GVN'S EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE. END COMMENT.)
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